

House Resolution 107 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

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1 A Resolution opposing proposed federal regulations for
2 agricultural child labor.

3 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2011, the United States
4 Department of Labor published new proposed regulations
5 which would severely restrict the ability of youth to
6 engage in agricultural work; and

7 WHEREAS, working on a farm has long been a way of
8 life for thousands of youth across rural America; and

9 WHEREAS, the proposed regulations will adversely
10 impact the long-standing tradition of youth working on
11 farms to gain valuable skills and lessons in hard work,
12 character, and leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, the proposed regulations would be
14 detrimental to the opportunity for youth to find
15 educational, gainful, and hands-on work experience; and

16 WHEREAS, all farms depend on the contributions of
17 youth for their successful operation; and

18 WHEREAS, the proposed regulations would limit
19 opportunities to recruit young farmers to agriculture
20 at a time when the average age of farmers continues to
21 rise; and

1 WHEREAS, a strong, enduring agricultural sector
2 is vital to this country's long-term economic
3 security; and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed regulations demonstrate
5 a profound lack of understanding of agricultural
6 traditions and practices in this country; and

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Labor has received
8 significant, compelling, detailed public comment from a
9 wide variety of knowledgeable persons and organizations
10 opposing the proposed regulations; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
12 That the House of Representatives urges the United
13 States Department of Labor to withdraw the proposed
14 regulations; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
16 Representatives urges President Barack Obama to
17 rescind the proposed regulations if they should become
18 effective; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
20 Representatives urges Congress to overturn the proposed
21 regulations if they should become effective; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
23 House of Representatives is directed to forward a copy
24 of this resolution to President Barack Obama; United
25 States Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis; United States
26 Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack; Representative
27 John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of
28 Representatives; Senator Harry Reid, Senate Majority
29 Leader; Representative Eric Cantor, House Majority
30 Leader; Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority

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- 1 Leader; Representative Nancy Pelosi, House Minority
- 2 Leader; and Iowa's Congressional delegation.